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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION--UGANDA

1. HRC CHAIRMAN M'BAYE HAS INFORMED MEZVINSKY THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION WHICH THE HRC ADOPTED CONCERNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN UGANDA (GENEVA 3335, BEING REPEATED LAGOS) CALLING FOR THE DESIGNATION BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE 34TH HRC CHAIRMAN OF AN EMINENT AFRICAN PERSONALITY, HE QUERIED THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION IN GENEVA ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF ADETOKUMBO ADEMOLA (LAGOS 2152). THE NIGERIAN DELEGATION HAS INFORMED M'BAYE THAT ADEMOLA IS VERY OLD.

2. M'BAYE IS CONCERNED THAT THE NIGERIANS MAY BE UNWILLING TO MAKE ADEMOLA OR ANY OTHER PROMINENT NIGERIAN AVAILABLE FOR THE UGANDA ASSIGNMENT. HE DOES NOT WANT TO PRESS THEM. HE THINKS THAT A PERSON FROM NIGERIA WOULD BE THE BEST CHOICE SINCE NIGERIA IS A BIG AFRICAN COUNTRY WHICH PLAYS A LEADERSHIP ROLE AND MAINTAINS GOOD RELATIONS WITH UGANDA.

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3. M'BAYE CLOSED HIS REMARKS BY EXPRESSING HIS OPINION THAT THE CHANCES OF ACHIEVING A FAVORABLE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ENHANCED IF PRESIDENT CARTER IN HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO NIGERIA WOULD PUT IN A WORD IN SUPPORT OF ADEMOLA'S AVAILABILITY.

4. MEZVINSKY AGREED THAT ADEMOLA SEEMED TO BE AN OUT-
STANDING CHOICE AND, WHILE MAKING NO PROMISES, HE INDICA-
TED THAT HE WOULD PURSUE M'BAYE'S SUGGESTION ABOUT A
POSSIBLE ASSIST DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT UPON HIS
RETURN TO WASHINGTON. VANDEN HEUVEL

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